

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. - 13. (Cancelled)

14. (Six Times Amended) A computer information system, comprising:

a provider for providing information to a recipient;

said provider charging a different amount to said recipient depending upon whether or not said information is permitted to be recorded in a medium; and

recording of said information in said medium is permitted if a value of an identifier read from said medium is an approved ID value,

recording of said information in said medium is prevented if any approved ID value is not readable from said medium.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Six Times Amended) A method of processing information, said method comprising the steps of:

providing information to a recipient;

charging a different amount depending upon whether or not said information is permitted to be recorded in a medium; and

permitting recording of said information in said medium if a value of an identifier read from said medium is an approved ID value, preventing recording of said information in said medium if any approved ID value is not readable from said medium.

18. (Six Times Amended) A method of processing information, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving information from a provider;

charging a different amount depending upon whether or not recording of said information in a medium is permitted; and

recording of said information in said medium is permitted if a value of an identifier read from said medium is an approved ID value,

recording of said information in said medium is prevented if any approved ID value is not readable from said medium.

19. (Six Times Amended) A computer information system, comprising:

a recipient for receiving information from a provider;

said recipient being charged a different amount depending upon whether or not recording of said information in a medium is permitted; and

recording of said information in said medium is permitted if a value of an identifier read from said medium is an approved ID value,

recording of said information in said medium is prevented if any approved ID value is not readable from said medium.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Six Times Amended) A signal transmitted from a recipient of information to a provider of information, said signal indicating that recording of said information in said medium is permitted if a value of an identifier read from said medium is an approved ID value, recording of said information in said medium is prevented if any approved ID value is not readable from said medium, wherein said information is charged differently depending upon said signal irrespective of whether said information is viewed.

22. (Six Times Amended) A method of processing information, said method comprising the step of:

transmitting a signal from a recipient of information to a provider of information, said signal indicating that recording of said information in said medium is permitted if a value of an identifier read from said medium is an approved ID value, recording of said information in said medium is prevented if any approved ID value is not readable from said medium, wherein said information is charged differently depending upon said signal irrespective of whether said information is viewed.

23. - 36. (Cancelled)

37. (Six Times Amended) An information receiver comprising:

a receiving unit to receive information; and

a recording unit to record the information in a medium,

the recording of the information in the medium is permitted if a value of an identifier in the medium is an approved ID value,

recording of said information in said medium is prevented if any approved ID value is not readable from said medium, and

a different amount being charged based on whether or not the information is recorded in the medium.

38. (Cancelled)

39. (Cancelled)

40. (Previously Presented) The information receiver according to claim 37, further comprising:

an information designating unit to designate the information.

41. (Previously Presented) The information receiver according to claim 37, further comprising:

an identifier; and

an informing unit to inform that the identifier is wrong if the identifier is not registered.

42. (Twice Amended) The information receiver according to claim 37, the information includes at least one of audio and video information, audio information, video information, a computer program, and game software.

43. (Cancelled)

44. (New) A computer information system according to claim 14, wherein said medium is a non sequentially accessible medium.

45. (New) A computer information system according to claim 14, wherein said approved ID value is provided by said provider.

46. (New) A method of processing information according to claim 17, wherein said medium is a non-sequentially accessible medium.

47. (New) A method of processing information according to claim 17, wherein said approved ID value is provided by said provider.

48. (New) A method of processing information according to claim 18, wherein said medium is a non-sequentially accessible medium.

49. (New) A method of processing information according to claim 18, wherein said approved ID value is provided by said provider.

50. (New) A computer information system according to claim 19, wherein said medium is a non-sequentially accessible medium.

51. (New) A computer information system according to claim 19, wherein said approved ID value is provided by said provider.

52. (New) A signal transmitted according to claim 21, wherein said medium is a non-sequentially accessible medium.

53. (New) A signal transmitted according to claim 21, wherein said approved ID value is provided by said provider.

54. (New) A method of processing information according to claim 22, wherein said medium is a non-sequentially accessible medium.

55. (New) A method of processing information according to claim 22, wherein said approved ID value is provided by said provider.

56. (New) An information receiver according to claim 37, wherein said medium is a non-sequentially accessible medium.

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57. (New) An information receiver according to claim 37, wherein said approved ID value is provided by said provider.

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19. Pending - Supported at Col. 8, lines 21-30
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21. Pending - Supported at Col. 8, lines 21-30
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37. Pending - Supported at Col. 8, lines 21-30
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- 42. Pending - Supported at Col 4, lines 45-46 and Col. 8, lines 21-30
- 43. Cancelled
- 44. New - Supported at Col. 3, lines 11-15
- 45. New - Supported at Col. 3, line 41
- 46. New - Supported at Col. 3, lines 11-15
- 47. New - Supported at Col. 3, line 41
- 48. New - Supported at Col. 3, lines 11-15
- 49. New - Supported at Col. 3, line 41
- 50. New - Supported at Col. 3, lines 11-15
- 51. New - Supported at Col. 3, line 41
- 52. New - Supported at Col. 3, lines 11-15
- 53. New - Supported at Col. 3, line 41
- 54. New - Supported at Col. 3, lines 11-15
- 55. New - Supported at Col. 3, line 41
- 56. New - Supported at Col. 3, lines 11-15
- 57. New - Supported at Col. 3, line 41